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15. 1. ~~(C/WNINTEL/NOFORN)~~ HIGH LEVEL SOURCES IN THE
ARMY NAVY AND AIR FORCE HAVE STATED THAT THE TERRORIST

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MOVEMENT IN ARGENTINA HAS BEEN BADLY HURT IN THE LAST TWO AND A HALF MONTHS. THEY ATTRIBUTE THEIR SUCCESS TO SEVRAL REASONS. FIRST, GOVERNMENT INTELLIGENCY AGENTS HAVE SIGNIFICANTLY INFILTRATED THE GUERRIALLA ORGANIZATIONS AND ARE PROVIDING SECURITY FORCES WITH TIMELY INTELLIGENCE. SECONDLY, CITIZENS ARE STARTING TO NOTIFY POLICE AND MILITARY UNITS OF SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITIES AND SUSPECTED TERRORIST HIDEOUTS. THIRDLY, PRESSURE FROM THE ANTI-SUBVERSIVE CAMPAIGN HAS BECOME SO GREAT THAT THE GUERRILLAS THEMSLEVES ARE BEGINNING TO TURN THEMSELVES IN TO GOVERNMENT AUTHORITIES AND ARE INFORMING ON THEIR COMPATRIOTS IN HOPES OF GOING FREE.

2. ~~(C/WNINTEL/NOFORN)~~ ONE SOURCE REPORTS THAT THERE ARE SEVEN ORGANIZATIOH IN ARGENTINA THAT ARE EITHER ACTIVELSM INVOLVED INMOR SPONSOR TERRORIST OLSRATIONS& THEY INCLUDE: THE MONTONEROS, EJERCITO REVOLUCIONARIO DEL PUEBLO (ERP), PARTIDO COMUNISTA MARXISTA LENINISTA, PARTIDO COMUNISTA REVOLUCIONARIO 17 DE OCTUBRE, AND MOVIMIENTO POPLAR SOCIALISTA. ANOTHER ORGANIZATION REPORTS THAT THERE IS AN EIGHTH TERRORIST GROUP CALLED BRIGADAS ROJAS DE LA ORGANIZACION COMUNISTA DEL PODER OBRERO. OF THESE ORGANIZATIONS, THE MONTONEROS ARE PROBABLY THE LARGEST AND MOST DANGEROUS. ANOTHER SOURCE STATED THAT THE ARMED FORCES ESTIMATES THAT THE TERRORIST PROBLEM WILL BE ELIMINATED BY EARLY 1977. THESE PREDICITIONS WERE BASED ON THE CONTINUATION OF THE ANTI-TERRORIST CAMPAIGN AT CURRENT LEVELS AND THE HIGH CASUALTY RATE SUFFERED BY THE GUERRILLKS.:

3. ~~(C/WNINTEL/NOFORN)~~ ALL SOURCES EMPHATICALLY DENIED GOVERNMENT INVOLVEMENT IN THE DEATHS OF TWO EX-URUGAUYAN POLITICIANS, THE EX-BOLIVIAN PRESIDENX GENERAL TORHWS OR IN THE KIDNAPPING LAST WEEK OF THEBWT CHILEAN REFUGEES. THE DEPLORED THESE CRIMES AND FIRMLY BELIEVE THEY WERE CARRIED OUT EITHER BY LEFT OR RIGHT WING TERRORISTS.

4. ~~(C/WNINTEL/NOFORN)~~ SOURCES CONFIRMED THAT ARG AIR FORCE LTC EHEOVEN WHO WAS KIDNAPPED EARLIER THIS YEAR BY THE ERP IS DEAD. THIS IS NOT THE CASE, HOWEVER, WITH ARMY COLONEL PITA, THE CGT INTERVENTOR WHO WAS KIDNAPPED ON 30 MAY 76 (SEE IR [redacted]. ACCORDING TO A HIGH LEVEL ARMY INTELLIGENCE OFFICER, HE WAS ABDUCTED BY THE MARXIST LENINIST COUMMUNIST PARTY TO BE USED FOR PROPAGANDA PURPOSES AT THE

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INTERNATIONAL LABOR CONFERENCE IN GENEVA AND IS STILL ALIVE. SOURCE STATED THAT THE MARXIST LENINIST ORGANIZATION IS AN OLD TIME GROUP THAT FOLLOW MAO PHILOSOPHIES. IN THE PAST IT HAS CONFIFNED ITS ACTIVITIES TO UNIVERSITIES, AND THE PITA KIDNAPPING IS ITS FIRST REPORTED TERRORIST ACT. SOURCE WAS HOPEFUL THAT COL PITA WOULD BE RETURNED IN GOOD HEALTH, BUT REFUSED TO ELABORATE ON JUST HOW THE ARMY HOPED TO BRING THIS ABOUT.

5. ~~(C/WNINTEL/NOFORN)~~ TWO SOURCES VERIFIED THAT COLONEL LUIS PERLINGHER WAS A CONFIRMED MEMBER OF THE ERP AND IS CURRENTLY IN THE HANDS OF SIDE. ONE OF THE SOURCES WAS PARTICULARLY UPSET THAT THE FORMER ARMY OFFICER COULD DEFECT TO THE ENEMY AND BETRAY HIS FELLOW OFFICERS. HE WENT ON TO SAY THAT COL PERLINGHER HAD CONSIDERABLE CONTACT WITH THE ERP TERRORISTS IN TRELEW DURING THE INCIDENT THERE IN 1972.

6. COMMENT: ~~(C/WNINTEL/NOFORN)~~ THERE IS NO DOUBT THAT THE ARMED FORCES HAVE HANDED OUT PUNISHMENT TO THE GUERRILLAS SINCE THEY ASSUMED POWER ON 24 MAR. HOWEVER, IT IS ALMOST IMPOSSIBLE TO MEASURE THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE STEPPED UP ANTI-SUBVERSIVE CAMPAIGN DUE TO THE LACK OF INFORMATION ON SECURITY FORCE OPERATIONS. THE ARMED FORCES MAY HAVE, IN FACT, DEALT A SERIOUS BLOW TO THE GUERRILLA INFRASTRUCTURE WHICH WOULD ACCOUNT FOR THE OPTIMISM. NEVERTHELESS IT WOULD NOT BE PRUDENT TO DISCOUNT OR UNDERESTIMATE THE TERRORISTS CONTINUING CAPABILITY TO COMMIT ISOLATED BOMBINGS, KIDNAPPINGS AND ASSASSINATIONS. THIS MSG COORD W/EMBASSY. ~~#0000 2 3 275 200~~

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